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PASS EXPORT- IMPORT BANK

E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJ: CIVIL AVIATION: REPORTS OF PLAN TO PURCHASE AIRCRAFT

1. REPORT REACHING EMBASSY CONCERNING POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT (LOCKHEED ELECTRA) REFERS TO EXPORT- IMPORT BANK FINANCING. EMBASSY UNAWARE OF SUCH INTENTION AND REQUESTS ANY INFORMATION WHICH EXPORT- IMPORT BANK MAY HAVE CONFIRMING SAME.

2. ONE REPORT CONCERNS GOP PLAN TO FORM PUBLIC AIR CARGO CARRIER (PANA- CARGA). THIS ACCOUNT REPORTS THAT GOP WILL PURCHASE THREE (3) LOCKHEED ELECTRA AIRCRAFT (CARGO VERSION) FROM OVERSEAS NATIONAL AIRWAYS (ONA), U S AIR CARGO CARRIER. ONA REPRESENTATIVES WERE IN PANAMA RECENTLY. ACCORDING TO PANAMANIAN AIR FORCE (FAP) SOURCE, DEAL IS FOR \$2.5 MILLION, WITH TEN PERCENT DOWN FROM BANCO NACIONAL DE PANAMA AND BALANCE OF FINANCING PROVIDED BY EXIMBANK. REPORTED PRICE PER AIRCRAFT: \$850,000.

3. SECOND REPORT FROM SAME SOURCE CONCERNS POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) LOCKHEED ELECTRA AIRCRAFT (PASSENGER VERSION) FROM EASTERN AIRLINES FOR TOTAL OF \$1.0 MILLION. TWO AIRCRAFT WOULD BE SLATED FOR PANAMANIAN AIRLINE, COMPANIA PANAMENA DE AVIACION, S. A. (COPA) AND ONE FOR FAP, REPORTEDLY FOR GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS' PERSONAL USE. FINANCING DETAILS UNKNOWN BUT SOURCE

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MAY HAVE COONFUSED ROLE OF EXIMBANK IN TWO DEALS.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFO ASAP.
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